



**New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation
2023 Annual General Meeting
Heartland Hotel, Auckland Airport
26th November 2023**

Present:

A.J. Spiller (National Ice Hockey & Auckland Delegate)
Andy Mills (President)
Bret Dougherty (Medical)
Carl McIntyre (General Secretary & Auckland Delegate)
David Wallace (Canterbury Delegate)
Debby Chiplin (Junior Leagues)
Gareth Hoole (NZIHF Treasurer)
Gigi Hollyer (On behalf of QIHC President)
Jason Power (Disciplinary & Southern Delegate)
Justin Daigle (Senior Players)
Kelly Schultz (Transfers & Eligibility)
Michael Domigan (Marketing & Auckland Delegate)
Mischa Saunders (Wellington Delegate)
Mischa Saunders (WIHA President)
Natalie de Vere (Transfers & Eligibility)
Neil Carey (Canterbury Delegate)
Paris Heyd (Southern Delegate)
Paul de Vere (NZYIHL & NZWIHL Treasurer)
Simon Heptonstall (Dunedin President & Southern Delegate)
Tania Pimm (Women's & Southern Delegate)
Tom Fontaine (Canterbury Delegate & CIHA President)

Apologies:

Jamie Linton (Tekapo President)
Megan Kliegl (NZIHL Marketing)
Wayne Curtis (Funding & Auckland Delegate)
Trevor Lawrence (Alexandra Flames President)
Richard Button (Referee in Chief)
Braden Lee (QIHC President)
Stephen Reid (QIHC Vice-President)



<u>Members Present & Apologies</u>	<p>Meeting opened 09:00am.</p> <p>Apologies as above.</p> <p>Delegates for AGM confirmed as below:</p> <p>Auckland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Domigan, Justin Daigle, A.J. Spiller & Carl McIntyre <p>Wellington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mischa Saunders <p>Canterbury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Fontaine, Neil Carey, David Wallace <p>Southern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Power, Paris Heyd, Tania Pimm, Simon Heptonstall 	
<u>Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting</u>	<p>Minutes of 2022 AGM accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	<p>Moved by Domigan Seconded by Power, All in favour. Approved.</p>
<u>Matters Arising</u>	<p>No matters arising.</p>	
<u>Reports</u> President Andy Mills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills summarised his written report • Mills thanked those in attendance, and the volunteers who are helping ice hockey thrive in New Zealand. • Mills added that we have continued to be in a space of recovery post-COVID. Great to see growth over the last 12 months. Mills celebrated the achievements made over the last year including growth, coaching certification, completion of national leagues and financial resilience. • Thank you to NZIHF board for another year of strong governance. 	<p>Moved by Mills. Seconded by Power. Approved.</p>



<p>Vice-President Jason Power</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power summarised his written report • The VP role is one that supports other portfolio holders. It has been a pleasure working with the Management Committee and providing support as required. • Thank you to the hard-working volunteers and board members who help keep the NZIHF and all its activities operating smoothly. 	<p>Moved by Power. Seconded by Spiller. Approved.</p>
<p>General Secretary Carl McIntyre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McIntyre summarised his written report • General Secretary role is a non-voting role, a supporting role that assists the day to day operations of the Federation and portfolio holders. • 2023 has been a good year – there have been challenges as always, but it has been great to see a return to completed national leagues and five national teams competing. • Travel costs have increased significantly, and is the largest expense to the Federation. • The Board has been cohesive and provided strong governance at a national level, as well as assisting clubs around the country as required. • Our relationship with IHA and the IIHF continues to strengthen. • McIntyre thanked the Board and all volunteers who contribute to ice hockey at a national and regional level. 	<p>Moved by McIntyre. Seconded by Hoole. Approved.</p>
<p>Treasurer – NZIHF Gareth Hoole</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoole summarised his written report • Hoole thanked Karen Messenger and Paul de Vere for their ongoing support. • Earlier this year a large financial loss was forecast, however it is pleasing to see a slight surplus for this year, largely due to an increase in revenue from TAB and cost saving measures. • The NZIHF accounts are in good shape, the biggest risk to the NZIHF is the continuing increase in travel costs, especially for our national teams. • We need to continue to work on securing charitable funding and sustainable revenue streams. • The 2022 accounts have been audited, and will be approved by Management Committee. • The 2023 accounts are yet to be finalised. 	<p>Moved by Hoole. Seconded by McIntyre. Approved.</p>



Treasurer – NZIHL Paul de Vere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de Vere summarised his written report. • A very busy year, ending with a slight profit after a small refund to teams. • \$38k in funding received for the year. • Items generally ran to budget this year. • Thank you to Andy Kaisser for his support and work on the NZIHL. • Financial accounts have been reviewed. de Vere asked that the Management Committee approve the accounts once circulated. 	Moved by de Vere. Seconded by Spiller. Approved.
Treasurer – Youth & Women’s Paul de Vere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de Vere summarised his written report. • Leagues became self-sufficient this year, thank you to Curtis for fundraising efforts, and league managers for their support. • Overall the youth and women’s leagues ended with a surplus of \$4,300. • Accounts have been approved by Rotto & Associates. • de Vere moved that the accounts be accepted. 	Moved by de Vere. Seconded by Spiller. Approved.
Funding Wayne Curtis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills provided verbal update on Curtis’ behalf. • Mills thanked Curtis for his work in securing funding for various leagues and initiatives this year. NZIHF received \$30,500.00 this year. 	Moved by Mills. Seconded by Power. Approved.
Registrar Michael Domigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domigan summarised his written report • NZIHF membership grew by 9% • Female participation 22% (+2% YOY) 	Moved by Domigan. Seconded by Spiller. Approved.
National Ice Hockey A.J. Spiller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiller summarised his written report • Great to see growth of 9% throughout New Zealand. • Thank you to Chiplin for assistance on junior league tournaments and related activities. 	Moved by Spiller. Seconded by Power. Approved.



International Ice Hockey Wayne Curtis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills provided verbal update on Curtis' behalf: • Andreas Kaisser resigned from the position. Mills thanked Kaisser for his work in the role. Wayne Curtis was appointed to the role – thank you to Curtis for taking this on short notice and planning for our national teams. • Great to see all five teams will participate in their respective tournaments next year. • Mills thanked team managers and volunteers who help make the national programme possible. 	Moved by Mills. Seconded by Heyd. Approved.
NZIHL <i>Vacant at time of AGM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills provided verbal update • Congratulations to SkyCity Stampede, who won the 2023 Birgel Cup. Great to see a competitive season. • Significant increase in airfares and accommodation. We need to maintain a quality league for our players and fans, while maintaining financial stability. • Andreas Kaisser resigned from the role at the end of the season. Mills thanked Kaisser for his many years of service to the NZIHL. 	Moved by Mills. Seconded by Saunders. Approved.
NZWIHL Michelle Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills provided verbal update on Cox's behalf: • Great to see a highly competitive season, final decided in a shootout. • Careful planning and financial management is required, to grow the league while being aware of increasing costs. • Thank you to de Vere for his work on financials. 	Moved by Mills. Seconded by de Vere. Approved.
Women's Hockey Tania Pimm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pimm summarised her written report • First year in the role, it has been a learning experience, and thank you to Michelle Cox, Jan Goulding and Andy Mills for their support • Great to see successes at an international and national level. • Exciting to see growth in women's ice hockey. 	Moved by Pimm,. Seconded by Saunders Approved.



Senior Players Justin Daigle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daigle summarised his written report • Relationships have been established with each club, to understand their challenges and how the NZIHF can support adult players. • Great to see the inaugural premier tournament take place this year in Auckland. • 2024 plan is to be more involved with items on the national calendar for adults and have teams from each region compete. 	<p>Moved by Daigle. Seconded by Schultz. Approved.</p>
Junior Leagues Debbie Chiplin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiplin summarised her report. • All leagues completed successfully this year. • U21 league needs more attention to grow participation in this age group. • U12 tournament was a highlight. Thank you to Canterbury for hosting. • Thank you to managers and volunteers, and de Vere for financial support. 	<p>Moved by Chiplin. Seconded by Daigle. Approved.</p>
Disciplinary Co-ordinator Jason Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power summarised his written report • Great to see no disciplinary cases for U15 and U18. • Work for 2024 will see discussions held with coaches, managers and team staff to solidify understanding • Thank you to officials for their work this year. Without officials we don't have competitions. 	<p>Moved by Power. Seconded by Heyd. Approved.</p>
Referee in Chief Richard Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills provided verbal update on Button's behalf: • A lot of the work done is done behind the scenes. Mills thanked Button and all officials for their work. • Great to see 8x IIHF licenses approved to several New Zealand officials. 	<p>Moved by Dougherty. Seconded by Spiller. Approved.</p>



Medical Portfolio Bret Dougherty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dougherty provided verbal summary • Dougherty thanked the NZIHF Board and NZIHL for funding for medical scoops for each NZIHL/NZWIHL franchise. • Continued focus is needed to expand on the current health and safety initiatives, to ensure these are applied at all age groups. 	Moved by Dougherty. Seconded by Power. Approved.
Coaching & National Skills Darren Blong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills provided verbal update on Blong's behalf. • Great to see growth across key youth initiatives such as learn to play, youth development camps and national youth leagues. • Mills thanked Blong and Carey for their hard work in this coaching and skills development space. 	Moved by Mills. Seconded by Carey. Approved.
Police Vetting <i>Vacant at time of AGM.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio now vacant - no update at this time 	
Marketing & Communications Michael Domigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domigan summarised his written report. • NZIHL and NZWIHL received funding this year for new livestream equipment – thank you to NZIHL and NZIHF for funding this. • NZ vs. Australia series held in Auckland was a highlight, great to see 3 sold out games and increasing coverage of our sport. 	Moved by Domigan. Seconded by Heptonstall Approved.



<u>Election of Officers</u>		
President	Nomination received for Andy Mills. No nominations from the floor. Moted by Mills. Seconded by Curtis. All in favour. Approved.	Mills appointed as President.
Vice President	Not voted on this year.	
International Ice Hockey	Nomination received for Wayne Curtis. No nominations from the floor. Moted by Mills. Seconded by Curtis. All in favour. Approved.	Curtis appointed as International Ice Hockey officer.
National Ice Hockey	Not voted on this year	
<u>Election of NZIHF Management Committee</u>		
Treasurer - NZIHF	Nomination received for Gareth Hoole. No nominations from the floor. Moted by Hoole. Seconded by McIntyre. All in favour. Approved.	Hoole appointed as Treasurer.
Delegates Auckland	Michael Domigan & Wayne Curtis	
Delegates Canterbury	Tom Fontaine & Neil Carey	
Delegates Southern	Jason Power & Paris Heyd	
	No nominations from the floor. Moted by Mills. Seconded by Power. All in favour. Approved.	Delegates appointed.



<u>Appointments (for 2023)</u>		
Archives	<i>No nominations received.</i>	
Auditors	Ashton Wheelans.	Moved by Hoole. Seconded by Domigan. All in favour. Approved.
Disciplinary Coordinator	<i>No nominations received.</i>	
Fundraising	Wayne Curtis.	Moved by Curtis. Seconded by Mills. All in favour. Approved.
Junior Leagues	Debbie Chiplin.	Moved by Chiplin. Seconded by Spiller. All in favour. Approved.
Marketing	Michael Domigan.	Moved by Domigan. Seconded by McIntyre. All in favour. Approved.
Medical	Bret Dougherty.	Moved by Dougherty. Seconded by Mills. All in favour. Approved.
NZWIHL General Manager	<i>No nominations received.</i>	



Police Vetting	<i>No nominations received.</i>	
Referee in Chief	Richard Button	Moved by Button. Seconded by Mills. All in favour. Approved.
Registrar	Michael Domigan.	Moved by Domigan. Seconded by McIntyre All in favour. Approved.
Senior Players	Justin Daigle.	Moved by Daigle. Seconded by Spiller. All in favour. Approved.
Women's Hockey	Tania Pimm.	Moved by Pimm. Seconded by McIntyre. All in favour. Approved.
Coaching Coordinator	<i>No nominations received.</i>	
Treasurer – Youth Leagues & Women's	Paul de Vere.	Moved by de Vere. Seconded by Hoole. All in favour. Approved.
Treasurer - NZIHL	Paul de Vere.	Moved by de Vere. Seconded by Spiller. All in favour. Approved.



NZIHL General Manager	Paris Heyd.	Moved by Heyd. Seconded by Mills. All in favour. Approved.
NZIHF General Secretary	Carl McIntyre	Moved by McIntyre. Seconded by Mills. All in favour. Approved.
<u>2025 Registration Fees</u>	<p>Discussion held on NZIHF membership fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills raised the suggestion of a \$5.00 increase across junior and senior membership tiers. • Mills added that costs have increased significantly across the board. The NZIHF membership fees is the only fixed revenue stream for the Federation. The NZIHF underwrites over a \$1m of hockey per year – across all national competitions and leagues. • Hollyer added that QIHC has issues with non-NZIHF affiliated leagues not being required to pay memberships – so players ask why should they have to pay something to the NZIHF to play QIHC club hockey. The NZIHF should assist QIHC in communicating why they are paying this amount and what it is for. <p>Mills motioned that the Junior Under 21 and Senior 21 & Over rates increase by \$5.00 each for the 2025 year.</p> <p>2024 Fees: LTP: \$0.00 Associates: \$10.00 Junior Under 21: \$50.00 Senior 21 & Over: \$60.00</p> <p>2025 Fees: LTP: \$0.00 Associates: \$10.00 Junior Under 21: \$55.00 Senior 21 & Over: \$65.00</p>	Motioned by Mills. Seconded by Heyd . Management Committee Vote. All in Favour. Approved.



<p><u>Life Memberships</u></p>	<p>Mills nominated Neil Carey. Mills discussed Carey's contributions to the sport. Seconded by Spiller. All in favour. Approved.</p>	<p>Neil Carey awarded NZIHF life membership status.</p>
<p><u>General Business</u></p>	<p>Hoole on the NZIHF Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoole raised that the NZIHF accounts are currently reviewed by an accountant prior to being submitted for an audit. Hoole explained this is largely an unnecessary process, and not doing this will result in cost-savings to the NZIHF. • Discussion held around the proposal to remove the accountant review but keep the audit. • The process would be to instead send the accounts directly to Ashton Wheelans as the auditor. The NZIHF accounts are required to be audited due to government legislation so this must still be done. • De Vere asked whether the NZIHL accounts must also be audited since the NZIHL falls under the NZIHF's constitution. Hoole answered that the NZIHF constitution will be required to be updated per government changes for 2026. Hoole will review whether the NZIHL accounts must be audited. <p>Hoole motioned that the NZIHF accounts are sent directly to the auditor without a prior review by an accountant.</p> <p>Mills on NZIHL Events Manual – import and assimilated players:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions have been asked about clarifying and simplifying the NZIHL events manual section regarding import and assimilated players. • Opportunity for feedback and input from teams is provided prior to each season, but rarely is feedback received. We need more input from our teams on how we proceed and how we make the league better. • In past years, the Board has set the tone or direction, with feedback from franchise holders, implemented in to the events manual by the league general manager. • Heyd as new general manager to revise wording 	<p>Moved by Hoole. Seconded by Power. All in favour. Approved.</p>



	for clarification purposes, but to keep existing numbers for import and assimilated players.	
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Meeting closed: 10:41am.

Signed by NZIHF General Secretary as a true
and accurate record of the meeting

Carl McIntyre
28th November 2023

